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RE: CG Docket No. 03-123

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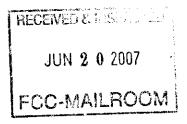
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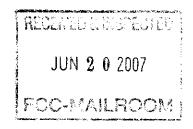
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103 Elm Crest Drive Rockwall, Texas 75087 800-315-5899 JUN 2 0 2007

June 12, 2007

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**Board Members:** 

Larry Campero John Coffey Howard Costello Susie McGee Kathy Murphy Herb Picou Oretha Nickleberry Jane Ann Shelton Dear Chairman Martin, Commissioners Adelstein, Copps, McDowell, and Tate:

We are a new nonprofit organization devoted to serving the needs of Deaf/hard of hearing people. Most of our board members and the people we intend to serve use Video Relay Service (VRS) to communicate. We were appalled to learn that the FCC staff is intent on drastically cutting the VRS rate, and effectively cutting VRS availability for the Deaf/hard of hearing community. Instead of seeking to limit the number of Deaf/hard of hearing people with VRS access, the FCC should do everything in its power to make VRS available to more Deaf/hard of hearing people.

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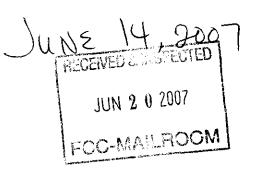
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